

JOHN BUSHMAN.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

John Bushman, son of Martin and Elizabeth Degen Bushman, was born June 7, 1843, at Nauvoo, Illinois. At this time the Church was passing through trying scenes. His parents were driven with the Saints from Nauvoo, and after several years of trials and poverty arrived in Salt Lake City in 1851.

One week later they went to Lehi City. There he spent his boyhood days, always willing to do his full share for the town. Often he was very scantily clothed, and lacking for food, especially during the grasshopper years. With the rest he had very little schooling.

In 1865 he married Lois A. Smith. In the summer of 1866 and 1867 he was in the Black Hawk war. In 1876 he was called to Arizona, and located at St. Joseph. In 1877, he came back to Lehi and married Mary A. Peterson, who shared with his family all the privations incident to settling a desert country. She named her first son Lehi, in honor of her former home.

After many years of toil they are comfortably situated, surrounded by a large family, who are all faithful members of the Church. Five of their sons have filled honorable missions.

Mr. Bushman has held many positions of trust, having been bishop 25 years, a member of the Board of Education 21 years, Justice of the Peace 14 years, chairman of the Irrigation Company many years, and director of the Bank of Northern Arizona.

He and his wife have passed the 70th milestone, and bid fair to enjoy many more years.